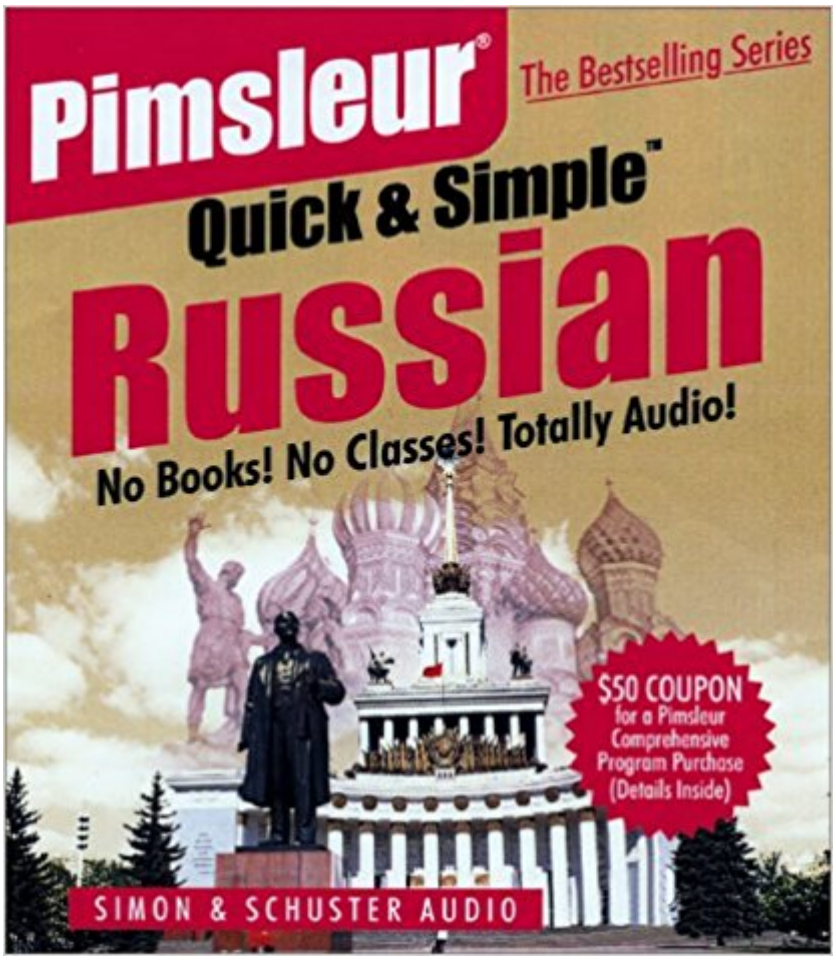
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Customer Reviews

I bought this to better converse with with my Russian in-laws (and know if they were talking about me in my presence - LOL). The CDs are easy to use in the car, and the format is great for forcing you to recall words. The pronunciation is also good, and the format is good at helping you learn proper pronunciation. My only complaint is that the word selection for some phrases isn't really the way people actually speak - from what my in-laws told me, the language is a little overblown. Still,

this was an easy crash course.

I keep these in the car and listen to them. There is anoter set here on that is really much better. I have listened to these many times and stay stuck, kind of boring. The ones called Earworms are really fun and fantastic to really learn and make useful progress.

I have done many language programs and the Pimsler system is the best I have come across. One of my favorite features is that words are sounded out back to front, which helps get past the swallowed endings that you get in natural speech.The positive stuff said, the problem with this is that it is just a teaser for the full-blown Pimsleur courses that are really expensive. At least Russian is available in levels 1-3. By level 3 you are almost functional in the spoken language, able to express basic wants and desires, basic narrative, etc. Level 1 does not get you even to basic functionality as a tourist, so how is an abridged course going to do it?

This product was my first experience with Russian. It is good for teaching you what I would call "Tourist Russian". This product actually got me interested in learning more than just basic Russian so I am planning on purchasing the rest of the course. I would also recommend buying a book on learning to read and write Russian if you are serious about learning the language. As I learned how to read the Cyrillic alphabet (or I should say I have started to learn it) it helped me to understand some of the things on the CD’s and vice versa. Overall, I have been very happy with the product. Having them on CD is great because you can do this while you are driving back and forth to work every day.

Do you know how hard it is to learn Russian? I am only half way through the course and it’s just amazing how much I’ve learned already! I can’t get over it. The only drawback is that I would have to purchase the EXPENSIVE unabridge set in order to continue. Why don’t they just make it in volumes so that those of us who can’t afford it can purchase them by set! Basic, Intermediate, Advanced.....etc...

This approach to learning a language was great, but only in theory. It was especially not for the advanced learner. If you expect to stay interested with numerous new things to say to all your prospective russian friends / aquaintances, forget it. If you were hoping for a quick way to learn a few sentences [per-disk] and study only those for the remaining hour, then enjoy this product to it’s

fullest; for this is all you will receive. Buyer beware, i was not satisfied, and to do this is normally simple.

I am reading all these people's reviews saying you don't learn to say this or that. But what do you expect? You have to pick and choose and it's better to learn a few things well than a million things - not really. It's like the man, his son and the donkey. Let's say it teaches you how to ask if your plane is on time. Then you might complain that you don't know how to ask for a glass of water. Get the full course if you want more!It's hard to get started on a language. I was flailing around on the internet . I recommend listening/speaking before getting a book. Otherwise how do you know how things are supposed to sound? That's why deaf people have trouble with pronounciation/grammer. When we write in English things "sound" right or wrong, not "look" right or wrong. SO to get the written portion right, you need a feel for the sound of things and that's what this does. Makes things sound right or wrong.Besides, I'm learning to talk to people, not write things on little slips of paper and hand it back and forth.I understand that Pimsleur starts off with Quick and Simple is Lessons 1-10 then Instant conversation is the same 1-10 plus 8 more... then Russian I is the next 12. I ended up buying the same few lessons 3x. They do this so you can make a small investment to see if you like it, but I LOVE IT so if you think you will, buy the entire set Russian I at once. There is also Russian II and III.This teaches you correct pronounciation- more than you would ever get looking on the internet. Also, you don't have to sit around and take time to do this. I do it while driving and now actually look forward to my commute. Plus, it sticks in my head. I really remember this stuff- in fact, sometimes I can hear the people in my head and it takes a second to remember what it means, like a song that's stuck in your head. Some people think it sounds stiff- well I don't think a language course would be teaching you slang- and haven't you ever taken a High School langauge course? Those people sound REALLY stiff! At least there's interaction between people going on here.

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